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C/S -- BORBA REPLIES TO CRITICS

BONN, SEPT.2, REUTER - THE YUGOSLAV NEWSPAPER BORBA SAID TODAY THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SOVIET PRESS WAS ATTACKING YUGOSLAVIA FOR ITS STAND ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION WAS REMINISCENT OF 1948 WHEN BELGRADE PERSUED AN INDEPENDENT LINE FROM MOSCOW.

BORBA, QUOTED BY BELGRADE RADIO, SAID: "THE SAME QUITE PRIMITIVE PROPAGANDA IS BEING USED; PROPAGANDA WHICH ENDEAVOURS TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF ARGUMENTS WITH ARROGANT AND INSULTING WORDS WHICH DEPEND FOR ACCEPTANCE ON THE LACK OF INFORMATION AMONG THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS."

THE NEWSPAPER SAID YUGOSLAVIA WOULD "CONTINUE TO CO-OPERATE WITH ALL THOSE STATES AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD WHICH ACT IN THE DIRECTION OF PRESERVING PEACE AND OVERCOMING THE CRISIS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"NO PROPAGANDIST CAMPAIGN, OR SPREADING OF LIES AND SLANDERS ABOUT OUR COUNTRY OR LEADERSHIP CAN LEAD US ASTRAY."

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